

TRINITY NEWS

WEEK 11. LENT 1. March 10, 2019

The Church calls the period in which we entered on Ash Wednesday quadragesimal, which is a time of forty days and, through a clear reference to Holy Scripture, who introduces us into a precise spiritual context. Forty is indeed the symbolic number by which the Old and New Testaments represent the most important moments of the experience of the faith of Israel. It is a number that expresses the time of return to the Lord. This number does not represent an exact chronological time. It indicates rather a patient perseverance, a long ordeal.

Before beginning his public life, Jesus retired to the desert for forty days, without eating or drinking: he eats the Word of God, which he uses as a weapon to defeat the devil. The temptations of Jesus are reminiscent of those which the Jewish people faced in the desert, but which they did not know how to overcome. The "desert" is also the negative aspect of the reality that surrounds us: aridity, poverty of words of life and values, secularism ... In this "desert", we believers certainly have the opportunity to accomplish a deep experience of God that makes the spirit strong, in the awareness that from darkness the Lord will bring forth the new day. Happy Lent to all! "

Fr. Bert

Thank you to all who participated to make our Pancake Supper a joyful and successful event last Tuesday, by their presence, hard work or donation. May the Lord fill us a hundredfold with friendship, grace and blessings.

CALENDAR DATES:

Mar.13. Bible Study, 10:30am
Mar. 23. Bingo Game.
Apr. 14. Palm Sunday.
Apr. 18. Maundy Thursday.
Apr. 19. Good Friday.
Apr. 21. Easter Sunday.
April 28. Fellowship.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Lent 2.
Genesis 15:1-12,17-118;
Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1;
Luke 13:31-35

SAVE THESE DATES!

This year marks the Sixtieth Anniversary of the incorporation of Church of the Holy Trinity and your Fellowship Group has two events lined-up. First, on **Saturday, 23rd March**, from 3 to 7p.m. an afternoon-into-evening Bingo Game in the home of Elisa and Phil Thoburn in Dasmariñas Village. Second, at 5 p.m on **Sunday, 28th April**, Ruby Benitez is hosting a merienda cena at her home in Diliman, Quezon City. Positive RSVPs please kindly relay to Claire in the Church Office; any queries, please call Jan Clemo on 810-6250. Meanwhile, watch this space for any further Fellowship Group bulletins.

Thank you to Fr. Bert and all the staff and parishioners of Holy Trinity who have done so well in continuing the life of the parish. It is good to be back. Well done with the Pancakes! Shrove Tuesday, the feast before the Lenten fast. The day to follow being Ash Wednesday becomes a contrasting event reminding us about the realities of life and death. Maybe being real is what the wilderness of Lent reflects. It is like a spring-time growth of our inner life, where we are encouraged to prune back what is dead so space is provided for new life.

Blessed wilderness to us all.
Fr Peter